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By Ayan Kishore/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Pretty colors: Fourth of July celebrations at Lenox Square in downtown Atlanta drew large crowds last weekend. Many students went to watch the fireworks at Centennial Park and Lenox Square.

Pikowsky takes over as registrar

By Nikhil Joshi
News Editor

Reta Pikowsky recently took over as head registrar after Jo McIver, who had been working at Tech for 25 years, retired on May 31. Pikowsky assumed her duties on June 20.

She came from the University of Idaho, where she also served as head registrar. Pikowsky said that she is excited about working with the administration at Tech.

"Tech is a very interesting institute with a long history," she said.

"It has always been a leader among institutions and a very cutting-edge place. It's very exciting to work at a university with creative people that value quality. Also, Atlanta is a great city to live in. Everything considered, it's a very comfortable position to be in," Pikowsky said.

Pikowsky worked at the University of Idaho for the last nine years. She has also worked at the University of Michigan at Flint, Golden State

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Reta Pikowsky
Registrar

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OIT replaces telephone system

The Office of Information Technology announced on Wednesday that a new telephony system will be installed on campus for 2006. The system, which will replace the current telephone service provided by Tech, will feature both voice and data capabilities.

The new technology will allow Voice-over Internet Protocol (VoIP), wireless and cellular integration, Virtual Campus phone service (off-campus), and local provisioning.

The system will be installed over several phases next year. No campus phone numbers will be changed during this process.

OIT decided to replace the old system after surveying the old system and deciding that a new system would be needed to meet mobile needs.

Flicks still air during heavy rain

Because of the possibility of heavy rain during the showing of a film on Flicks on Fifth, Auxilliary Services has announced that movies will be shown on the seventh level of the Centergy Parking Deck, located off of Spring Street.

The deck is free for visitors after 7 p.m.

Parking to open late registration

Parking and Transportation has announced that students who did not register by the deadline of June 30 may still register for a parking permit during the late registration period, which begins July 25. The system is currently closed.

Ivan Allen attracts incoming freshmen

By Grace Mookan
Contributing Writer

Because of Tech's reputation as an engineering school, many students overlook its other aspects. The growth of the Ivan Allen College, in particular, is changing this attitude; the college experienced a 46% increase this year in its number of incoming freshmen. Undecided Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts ranked second among most popular majors.

Ingrid Hayes, director of Undergraduate Admissions, said that the increase has been largely due to the efforts of both the Ivan Allen College and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Elizabeth Miller, Academic Advisor and Recruitment Coordinator for the Ivan Allen College, said that the college has been working on heavy recruitment for the last couple of years.

"Our results are evidence of our

plans and hard work two years in the making," Miller said. "We strive to be innovative at looking at ways to increase student awareness and interest."

The two major goals of the college's recruiting plan are student participation and the use of technology.

"We are working to have a strong web presence," Miller said. "We have created a student-based site, students.iac.gatech.edu. In addition, we are currently designing a new component dedicated to prospective students complete with interactive maps and

videos, which should be available in Fall 2005."

In Spring 2005, Ivan Allen College hosted its first ever Shadow Day, a student-run recruiting program where admitted students accompanied by current Ivan Allen students

could attend classes and have lunch with professors. 95 percent of these admitted students chose to enroll.

"We take a vested interest in the potential student right after the first contact with him or her; we try to invite him or her to events like poetry events or international affairs conference. It's more than just

sending out typical recruiting letter, it's more hands on," Miller said.

According to Miller, as a result of the efforts, in comparison to the previous year, there was a 45 percent increase in number of applications and a 63 percent increase in number enrolled out of all those admitted. In addition there was a 71 percent increase in out-of-state students from last year.

In response to rumors that the increase in liberal arts students corresponds with a relaxation of admission standards, Miller said that the average SAT scores among these students was very close to Tech's average SAT score for incoming freshmen.

"We promote that we are a liberal arts college with a twist, not just a regular liberal arts college; we include a technology and science component," she said.

"It makes students very market-

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McMath suggests freshman summer session

By Chanchala Kaddi
Contributing Writer

The administration is considering the possibility of beginning a late summer session in which it would offer core courses for incoming freshmen.

Robert McMath, vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, will be making a recommendation to President Clough and to Provost Jean-Lou Chameau that the session be implemented for incoming freshmen only.

The proposed session would begin in mid-June and last seven weeks, ending the first week of August, at the same time as the current summer semester. It would not take the

place of the already existing short session, which is also seven weeks long and begins at the same time as the summer semester. The Ivan Allen College currently offers most of the courses available during this short session; in the proposed late summer session, a greater number of core courses in other colleges and schools would be offered.

The administration has permitted entering freshmen to take classes during the summer before coming to Tech. "In the past it had been valuable," McMath said.

Before it switched to the semester system in August 1998, the University System of Georgia operated on the quarter system. Under this calendar, it had been possible for

incoming freshmen to take courses during the summer. After the switch to the semester system, this was no longer possible because the summer semester would often begin before high school graduations took place.

McMath said that the advantages of the late summer session are analogous to those of the previously offered session. When the opportunity was available in the past, according to McMath, incoming freshmen had reported that taking courses in the summer helped prepare them for Tech. Completing some core courses in the summer also slightly reduced their workloads in the first term, he added.

Another benefit from Tech's

standpoint, McMath said, is that introductory classes such as General Chemistry (1310) and English 1101 could be less dense. If some incoming freshmen take these courses during the summer, it would be much easier for students entering in the fall to get into certain classes.

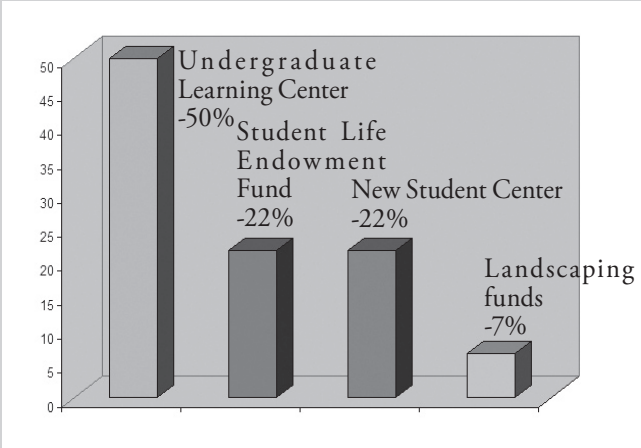
After Tech began considering whether or not to offer the late session, a survey was conducted to decide whether or not the program would still appeal to new students. Incoming freshmen were asked whether they would be interested in participating if the program were available to them. Students who had finished their first year at Tech were

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Last issue's question received 46 responses.

What does student life need from the Capital Campaign?



This week's question:

What do you think about priority registration?
Tell us at www.nique.net



Mysterious package

A student reported that on June 28, he recieved a package in his mail from Steinbecks Books in Wisconsin containing the book *Ishmael on Adventure of the Mind and Spirit* by Daniel Quinn. The student said that he did not know who would send him such a book.

IC flooding

On July 6, an officer responded to a report of two inches of water on the floor of the auditorium in the Instructional Center.

From the files of the GTPD...
Campus Crime

Phi Mu flooding

A student reported on July 6 that her Honda Accord, which was parked behind the Phi Mu Sorority house, was flooded due to heavy rain. She reported that the water which got into her automobile damaged some clothes and her bookbag.

Ferst Center flooding

An officer received a complaint of property damage at the Ferst Center for the Arts Building on July 7. The complaint stated that on July 6 between 4 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. flood water entered the building. The water damaged the stage floor, orchestra pit and 220 theatre brochures.

Car fire

On July 7, an officer received a report of a black BMW 325i, which had caught on fire. The officer extinguished the flame with a fire extinguisher. The owner of the automobile could not be reached, but a note was left on the car.

IC computer thief

On July 6, a man was arrested after having been found to steal two Samsung monitors, each valued at \$1,400 from the Instructional Center. A Dell PC valued at \$12,000 was also missing. Several PC's were also found inside a garbage can. The offender was transported to Fulton County Jail.

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University at San Francisco and the University of Illinois. She began working in 1977 at Illinois, where she said that she first became interested in working as registrar. She said that even though she gained valuable experience by serving as registrar at the University of Idaho, many aspects of her job at Tech may be new to her. "It will be challenging because Tech is a different kind of institution than the ones I've worked at," she said. "Idaho is a doctoral, comprehensive university whereas Tech is more specialized." According to Pikowsky, the Office of the Registrar has changed significantly over the years. "This is a very interesting job these days, especially with all of the

technology that we have. It's not the same as it used to be," she said. Although she has twenty-seven years of experience, it will still be challenging to become accustomed to the environment at Tech, she said. "The biggest challenge is the learning curve," Pikowsky said. "It takes time to get to know the institution, and learn the culture of the institution. The years of experience will make it easier, but there is still a lot to learn." Pikowsky said that one of her goals as registrar is to offer new services or modify existing services to better serve students. Since beginning at Tech in late June, she has been meeting with faculty and administrators on campus to discuss these matters. She said that she also hopes to meet with student leaders.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Reta Pikowsky took over as registrar for Jo McIver on June 20. "We are thinking of offering new services and or improving the ones we already have," she said. "We will be looking at these services, and asking for suggestions about what we should do. Any feedback we can get would be very helpful," Pikowsky said.

Chapman heads NASA team

Tech alum John Chapman, who earned a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering in 1973, is working on STS-114 – Space Shuttle Return to Flight as a part of the Marshall Center Office of Chief Engineers. Chapman works for NASA in the Engineering Directorate at Marshall, and his work consists mostly of making recommendations to the Shuttle Propulsion Program manager about technical issues relating to hardware and programs used during flight. In addition to making technical recommendations, Chapman writes computer programs to analyze the propulsion hardware of the shuttle. He became interested in flight mechanics in high school.

Chapman has worked for NASA for twenty-five years, and heads a team of engineers who are working on getting the space shuttle back into orbit. "What's always been most fascinating to me is the simple challenge of flight—persuading a chunk of metal anchored by gravity to fly into the sky," Chapman said. "Look at the solutions humanity has devised over the centuries to get off the ground... look at the concepts we're developing today. Imagine the possibilities we'll think of tomorrow."

This story draws from an article written July 12 by June Malone and Martin Jensen of the **NASA Marshall News**.

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Making Friday classes more interesting!



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Dennis the menace: Damage from Hurricane Dennis caused grief for many students last week like the owner of this white Mazda, whose car was crushed by a giant tree. The automobiles of other students were completely flooded, and certain buildings, including the IC and Ferst Center, reported flood damage.

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able, and the prospect is very exciting to students and parents. It gives us a big edge," she said.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions has also made efforts to recruit a more diverse class.

"We [at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions] have put forth much of our effort to make students aware of all that Tech has to offer. Because Tech has such a strong engineering program, there is a tendency for it to be associated solely with that—but through programs like Girl's Night Out, Preview Georgia Tech and FUTURES we try to show students the variety offered here at Tech," Hayes said.

Preview Georgia Tech is a one-day program during which students can

take campus tours and learn about admissions information, campus life, scholarship information, and career opportunities. FUTURES and Girl's Night Out are programs targeted toward young women.

Besides the increase in liberal arts students, the incoming class is different from previous ones in other ways. It is the first class for which the Office of Undergraduate Admissions did not require students to turn in official transcripts until mid-summer. Students were required to self-report all grades on the application.

Hayes also reported an increase in the use of online applications; 73 percent of all applicants submitted an electronic application.

Many students are happy to see changes in admissions.

"I think the increase [in appli-

cants choosing Ivan Allen College] is a good thing. Tech's following the example of other engineering schools like MIT and expanding beyond engineering," Sunny Jolly, a second-year Electrical Engineering student, said.

"I like the fact that you have more control in the admissions process and rely less on your scatter-brained high school counselor," Joanna Bayles, a fourth-year Chemistry major, said.

This is also the first year that Biomedical Engineering was offered as a major on the freshman application. Although the program is still in its infancy, it is the third-most popular major of the incoming class. The most popular is Undecided Engineering, which is up 24 percent from last year.

fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major, said.

The faculty and senate need to be briefed before the short session can be instated, but it does not need approval because it does not involve new courses or majors.

McMath indicated that he expects the program to be approved by the beginning of fall semester, and students entering in Fall 2006 will be able to participate in the short session.

"We think it would attract 300-400 students," McMath said. "Students will be advised to take a maximum of two courses. They will still be able to participate in Freshmen Experience and take GT1000 during the summer session."

The Ivan Allen College and the

College of Sciences are both willing to offer a number of courses for the short session. Courses that are likely to be offered include General Chemistry, introductory economics courses, history and political science courses, English 1101 and GT1000.

It is unlikely that calculus will be offered. According to McMath, the School of Mathematics may offer a precalculus course instead, for students who feel they are not yet ready for calculus.

If all goes well, McMath said, the late summer short session could be expanded to include returning students. Students who participate in study abroad, for example, could participate in the short session if they returned in time.

Breaking the Bubble

A lot happened outside the Tech bubble during the past two weeks. Here are a few important events which took place throughout the nation and the world.

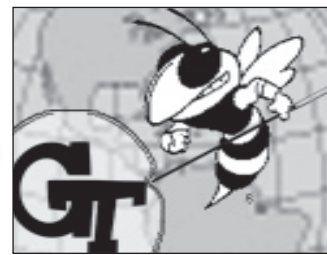
Police identify British suicide bombers

The identities of the four men responsible for last Thursday's London bombings, which were confirmed by police as suicide bombings, were confirmed by authorities on Thursday. The men, who were all Muslim citizens of England, were seen by authorities on closed-circuit television, which revealed their locations at King's Cross Station in London. The possibility of their connections with Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network are being investigated.

Prime Minister Tony Blair expressed his surprise when he spoke to Parliament on Wednesday.

"Particularly with the shock of knowing that those who have perpetrated this were actually born and brought up in this country, I think it is particularly important we recognize the worldwide dimension of all this," he said according to cnn.com.

He also urged citizens to react calmly to the bombings, condemning attacks on Muslims.



Fifty-two people were killed in the four bombings, which took place during rush hour. Three of them took place in tube trains, and one on a bus.

In response to the bombings, the Homeland Security Department in the United States tightened security, placing the nation's subways, buses and trains on code orange, the second-highest level of alert.

Chick-fil-A celebrates Cow Appreciation Day

Look like a cow?

If you answered yes, you can stop by Chick-fil-A today to pick up some food—on the cows' tab.

Today, the Atlanta-based restaurant chain is celebrating Cow Appreciation Day, "an unofficial... yet nationally recognized holiday," in which it's giving away full meals of a chicken-based entrée, drink, and fries or hash browns to anyone who visits one of its stores dressed up in full cow regalia.

For those concerned about being mistaken for a real bovine, even a single cow accessory entitles the wearer to a free entrée, such as a chicken sandwich or chicken nuggets.

Taylor attends elite conference

Kendra Taylor, an African-American graduate student from Tech pursuing a degree in Industrial Engineering, will be attending a conference July 14 through July 16 in Monterrey, Calif. for the Graduate Scholar Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

The Graduate Scholars Program consists of students who went from studying at a historically black university to studying at a top research university to pursue a graduate degree. These students often face adverse conditions because of the differences between the two types of institutions.

Of the students chosen for the Graduate Scholars Program, which was begun in 1992 by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, 147 have been awarded fellowships, and most of them have completed their Ph.D's or are on track to complete their Ph.D's.

During the conference, the approximately fifty scholars in the AAAS program will discuss both their research and what they must overcome in their graduate research and career.

In addition, recognized African Americans who have faced similar challenges will speak. These include Norman Francis, president of Xavier University of Louisiana, James Stith, vice president of the American Institute of Physics and Shirley Malcom, director of AAAS Education and Human Resources, and a 2003 winner of the National Academy of Sciences' Public Welfare Medal.

AAAS aims to stimulate interest among young blacks in the fields of science and engineering, which they believe are in need of young scholars.

This story draws from an article written July 11 by Edward Lempinen of the **American Association for the Advancement of Science**.

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asked if they would have participated in such a program, and if they would recommend it to new students. The majority of the students surveyed supported the idea.

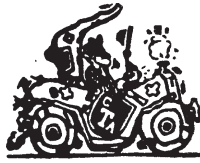
"It's a great idea. It would have been nice to get acclimated. I don't think it's right for everyone, though," Gopika Suraj, a second-year Chemical Engineering major, said.

Most upperclassmen expressed agreement.

"I definitely think it is a great idea. It will make the initial shock of meeting people and getting used to the surroundings a lot easier and less scary once school really starts in the fall," Kirsten Lundstrom, a

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Quote of the week:

"You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do."
—Henry Ford

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Only Freshmen

With the increased awareness of the need to nurture incoming freshmen, the administration has announced that the Fall 2006 freshmen class will most likely have a summer semester offered to them. The semester will be seven weeks long, starting in mid-June and ending at the same time as the normal summer semester. The various core classes ranging from GT1000 to general chemistry are expected to draw 300-400 students.

There is a wide range of advantages to this program; it could help ease students into college life, help some get ahead or give more personal attention as they transition to students who need it. It would also help reduce the workload for students during their freshmen year. In addition to these advantages, by limiting students to two courses in the semester, freshmen will avoid becoming overwhelmed.

However, there are some concerns. With many current students lamenting the lack of energy and spirit around campus during the summer, it is important to make a good first impression on incoming students. Freshmen Experience (FE) dorms as well as GT1000 classes would help welcome students and help them adjust to college life. Also, allowing students to stay in the same FE dorms from summer through the rest of the year would be beneficial by helping to build a community.

With the administration making the summer semester addition for freshmen, they should also consider adding classes for the general student body. With people in the popular co-op program needing summer classes to complete their degrees in a timely manner, an increase in the variety of courses offered would be valuable. Also, a later shortened session, like the current early short session, could be another nice option.

Fresh faces

The statistics are in for this year's incoming freshmen class. The growing numbers of incoming students in Ivan Allen College reflect improvements in its recruitment process. Preview Georgia Tech, FUTURES, Girl's Night Out and Ivan Allen's own Shadow Day have contributed to the college's increasing popularity. With a 46% increase in its incoming freshmen class linked to an increase in applications to IAC, the college also boasts a 71% increase in out-of-state students.

With Tech often regarded as mainly an engineering school, the growing strength and reputation of the liberal arts college adds diversity to the student body. It appeals to prospective students, leads to more rounded students and makes a Tech degree more valuable.

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By Mark Parsons / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Classes answer to boredom

I used to wonder who in their right mind would take summer classes when they didn't have to. With the possible exception of kindergarten through second grade (when school was actually fun), summer vacation was always a welcome break from the drudgery of classes, homework, studying, tests and just stress in general. Not to mention, it gave me a chance to catch up on my sleep and TV reruns.

Of course, somewhere around the middle of July, I'd tend to start getting really bored, irritable from having to spend most of my time at home with my family (whom I love, but who are best taken in small doses), and more than ready to find something to do outside of the house. And being from Macon, my options of things to actually do are pretty limited.

Now, I didn't really think about any of these things when I decided, very much on a whim, to register for summer classes. Initially, I had planned to study abroad this summer, since I figured the trip would be worth taking classes, but I didn't get my application turned in on time. So somewhere between the application deadline and summer registration, I got the crazy notion that taking summer classes and staying in Atlanta over the summer might be better than vegetating in Macon for three months. As it turns out, my crazy notion wasn't so crazy after all. Summer classes are a lot more laid back than classes during the regular school year. Somehow, despite taking the same number of hours as I did in the spring, I'm not nearly as bogged down, and I have a lot more free time—so I can still catch up on my TV reruns. Not to mention, it's the middle of July and I'm not bored out of my mind.

So I've learned that taking summer classes when you don't have to isn't so crazy after all. In fact, I'd



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Hillary Lipko
Entertainment Editor

wager to say that it's a lot better than taking classes during the rest of the year. Actually, I recommend that everyone take a summer semester at least once. There's something almost fun about it (unless you get stuck taking DSP, thermo or something equally nasty, in which case you have my condolences). Summer is a good time to take some of those core requirements or humanities electives—you get them out of the way, they're more laid back, and some are even easier than they are during the rest of the year. And as a bonus, you get to enjoy a summer in the city.

Taking a summer semester doesn't even necessarily mean giving up taking a vacation, either. Unless you're a co-op student, you don't even have to take a full load, so you could take a week off without missing much at all. Or you could take short session classes, which end at the beginning of July, leaving you the rest of the summer to do whatever you want—the best of both worlds.

As much as I've (dare I say it) enjoyed sticking around for the summer, I have had to sacrifice a few things I normally would have done had I not taken classes. For one, I haven't gotten to spend nearly as much time with my friends from home as I would like. I've had to pass on quite a few party invitations in lieu of studying or homework. For another, there has been very little catching up on sleep. Not to mention, I got ridiculously sick the first several

weeks of the semester and didn't have the time or ability to immediately see a doctor that could actually do something for me. Of course the root of that gripe is another editorial for another time. Once I was well, though, things got on track, and I got to enjoy myself a little, partaking of summer campus events and spending time with friends who live at and around Tech. One more piece of advice for the summer semester: if you live on campus and have some other means to feed yourself regularly, don't bother with a meal plan. The dining halls have diminished selection and service during the summer and a meal plan is hardly worth it unless you absolutely can't cook. I made that mistake and pretty much wasted 500-some dollars on a meal plan that I've only used about five times.

So let's recap: everyone should take a summer semester at some point. If you can, take an easy load—don't get so wrapped up in schoolwork that you can't enjoy the summer a little. Find balance. Don't get sick. Partake of what both the campus and the city have to offer. Don't bother with a meal plan unless you can't cook at all. Yup. That about covers it. I still love my breaks as much as the next person, but I figure I'd better start easing myself into the idea of not getting as many. After all, unless you're a teacher, there are no summer vacations in the professional world, and said world is sneaking up on me fast.

Workers waste away hours and life

Someone told me what he believed to be a deceptively simple yet clever trick for office jobs: drink lots of water. The benefits are two-fold. Not only do you have to walk over to the watercooler, pour the water and carefully cradle your styro-foam cup as you walk back to your desk, but you also need to pee more, providing an ingenious excuse for walking all the way to the bathroom. Funny thing is, I thought that was MY special trick. It turns out to be oddly and pathetically common.

As reported July 11 in a *Reuters* article, Americans admitted in a recent survey to wasting an average of over two hours each day at work. These hours were spent socializing, surfing the net and “spacing out.” Common reasons for wasting time were not having enough work to do and being underpaid. Younger workers were especially likely to waste time.

Paradoxically, we as a country work more and longer hours than almost any other industrialized nation. Due to cultural differences and labor controls, Europeans enjoy longer vacations and shorter daily hours. Our added hours have helped make us an economic superpower, but at what point do these extra hours add diminishing or even negative returns as workers become



“Due to cultural differences and labor controls, Europeans enjoy longer vacations...”

Melissa Cataldo
Focus Editor

tired, disgruntled, or simply run out of work to do? And what do these extra hours cost us in terms of hobbies, a social life, and family time?

These concerns were highlighted for me by two concurrent events: a recent trip to Italy and my impending graduation (May 2006). Italy is a stereotypically lazy country, featuring common train strikes, a daily siesta from 1-4 pm and a love for the “dolce vita.” I noticed something else, though, that is completely missing from most American communities, especially in the smaller, non-tourist areas: families, friends, and neighbors out on the town in droves late into the evenings. Aside from bringing a sense of community, this nightly activity also contributes to a sense of safety. Of course I don’t think Americans can or should completely adopt the Western European way of life, but in

our quest for a more balanced lifestyle, we should recognize the benefits of societal priorities on unstructured relaxation and community.

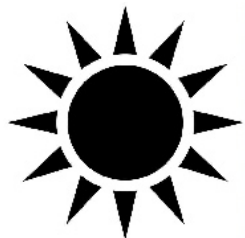
In contrast, many Americans, especially with the demands of dual-income families, come home and are too exhausted to do anything except vegetate in front of the television and struggle to put the kids in bed, only to wake up early the next morning for another packed day. Doctors warn that we don’t get enough sleep and are overly stressed, leading to a variety of health problems. Generational mixing is limited, as every age group not only has its own hang-outs, but a lack of diversity in most neighborhoods makes it seem as though some suburbs are geared toward young professionals, others toward middle-aged families and yet others toward the elderly. American employers seem convinced that the way to maximize worker

productivity is to give longer hours, but I don’t believe that this is always the answer. Aside from the societal tolls, workers may become tired and be less productive, give up and decide to actively waste time, or even worse, employees may run out of work and at that point companies are pointlessly wasting wage money while concurrently lowering worker satisfaction.

I know as I dive into my final year at Tech, I will resurface at graduation all too soon and be forced to face a career decision. There are so many things I want to learn and do, and I am becoming more convinced of my fear that over-specialization, although economically efficient, renders most office jobs unfulfilling. Where does one fit in this society when she loves a mental challenge, wants to work with smart people, and wants to excel, but at the same time loathes the thought of giving her life and her youth to shaving costs for a corporation? People who want this option should not necessarily expect to get rich, but should at least have a place where they can make a living and have their talents be put to good use while maintaining a balanced home-life. We don’t need three cars and a 4,000 square foot McMansion, but we do need a sense of community.

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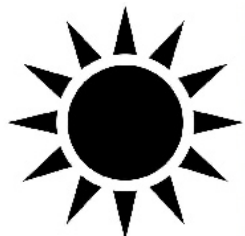


School’s out...sorta

Last week marked the end of short semester classes. While some students remain finishing up the last few weeks of the full semester, others only taking short semester classes are free to enjoy the rest of their summer. Those left are not to worry though—classes end in three weeks (in case you weren’t already counting down) and then there are a nice two weeks off until fall semester starts.

Rain, rain go away

The dreary effects of hurricanes Cindy and Dennis have been felt by students all around campus. Whether treading to class through mini-rivers, being soaked by the torrential downpour or being victim to the numerous floodings around campus and the city, students are definitely ready for some solid days of sunshine. Preferably not scorching heat, but we’ll take what we can get.



Batter up

Yellow Jackets rising junior third baseman Wes Hodges and rising sophomore utility player Matt Wierers have been named to the USA Baseball National Team. This makes 17 Tech players that have gone to the national team since 1984, second only to Stanford, who has sent 24 players to Team USA.

Gold hopes gone

It has recently been announced that baseball and softball have been dropped from the 2012 Olympics to be held in London. With Tech boasting strong athletes in these sports, Olympic gold has diminished hopes in these sports. That is, at least for 2012. The sports will be considered again for 2016.

Terrorists attack values

By Matt Tilly
Daily O’Collegian

(U-WIRE) Okla. State U. —Less than 24 hours after being rocked with jubilation and glee after being named the site of the 2012 Olympic games, London was struck with a kind of grief and terror that was not too long ago felt here in the United States.

As of press time, there were just over fifty dead and hundreds wounded in the four explosions on the London transit system.

In responding to the attack, British Prime Minister Tony Blair reminded world leaders at the G-8 summit that this was “not an attack on one nation, but all nations and on civilized people everywhere.” The terrorist who perpetrated these attacks kill Western men, women and children indiscriminately in what Mr. Blair correctly labels “utterly barbaric acts.”

This is not a lack of agreement over certain issues. For them there is no compromise. This was a de-

liberate attack on our civilization and values. Fortunately, those who follow this extremist Islamic doctrine are comparatively few in number.

No amount of Homeland Security can ever be expected to thwart every possible attack.

The best we can do is to go after the threats before they come to us...Anything less would be admitting a defeat in our way of life. We must show through both our words and our deeds the values of liberty and justice juxtaposed against the oppression and indiscriminate terror offered by the other side.

The test of greatness is not in how many dangers we face in this war on terror, but in how we face them.

As allies and friends, we must do everything we can to assist Britain in the wake of their tragedy.

May God bless the people of London and give us all resolve in the face of this hatred that we must continue to fight.

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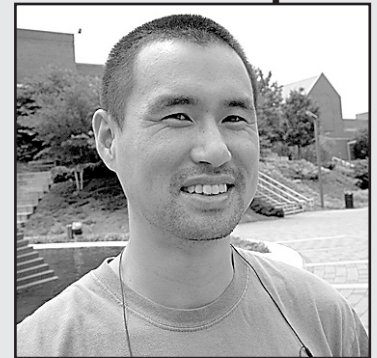
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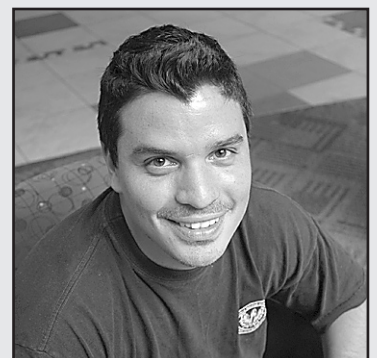
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Is there a lack of summer entertainment around campus?



Dongha Kim
CE PhD

“It’s very calm and more relaxing with less people around campus.”



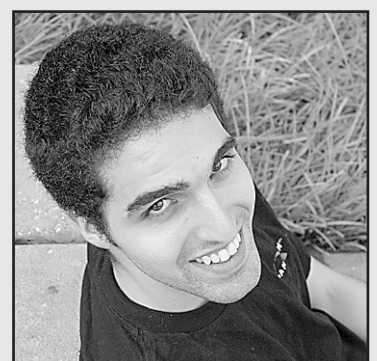
Alvaro Prieto
AE Grad

“...everything is dead...but I would like more intramural sports, maybe soccer.”



Christine Dehn
IAML Fourth-year

“I don’t think so, with the Crafts Center and the MLR open.”



Igor Borges
CmpE Fourth-year

“...they should have some random activities in the park (like a concert).”
Photos by Ayan Kishore

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ATHLETES STAYING ON TRACK

Check out how student athletes take summer classes at Tech so they can maintain academic eligibility and stay on track to graduate. **Page 16**

WAS DOWNTOWN ROCKING?

Get the scoop on last week's Downtown Rocks free concert. Find out if Cake lived up to expectations if you missed the show due to weather. **Page 9**



Priority registration evokes mixed feelings

By Joshua Cuneo
Online Editor

Imagine the following scenario. You're in your fifth year at Tech and go online to register for classes for the upcoming semester. You choose the LCC option and scroll down to your preferred choice for your last humanities credit, only to find—surprise—that the class is already full.

Class registration is based on a course credit system: the more credits you accumulate, the earlier you get to register. So who, then, are these people filling up classes before the graduating seniors?

The answer is a selective group of students with a special status: priority registration. These are athletes, disabled students, FASET leaders, tour guides, Presidential Scholars and Registrar office assistants, all of whom, for various reasons, get to register first, regardless of the number of credits accumulated.

"Well, for example, the disabled students, some of them are limited in the buildings in which they can have classes, and...if you're in a wheelchair, you might not have time to get from one location to another," associate registrar Debbie Williamson said. "So their schedule has to be planned with a little more

thought as far as location."

Priority registration for the disabled is common at most universities, but Tech tacks on several other groups as well. Athletes have to schedule morning classes to keep the afternoons free for practice and away games. Tour guides must be available for tours at the times advertised on the Institute's website. FASET leaders and students who assist the Registrar's office during Phase II are given priority registration for one semester in lieu of monetary compensation.

And Presidential Scholars? Well, it's just part of the package deal.

Some students consider this unfair bias in favor of certain extracurricular activities.

"It just seems like Georgia Tech is rewarding anyone doing something other than just attending classes," said Ajay Patel, a second-year Physics major. "But there are so many other ways to get involved, I don't see why it has to be narrowed down to those listed."

Others have a more mixed reaction, understanding the reasoning behind

some activities but not others. "[FASET leaders and tour guides] help out a lot around campus, and they aren't exactly getting paid to do it," said Ricky Whelchel, a second-year Material Science and Engineering major. "[But] athletes are pushing it. A lot of them get free

"Most people would probably agree that the academic effort they put in should give them priority in registering..."

Steve Heitner
BIO/BME, fifth-year



By Wei Liao / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students gather around their FASET leader. The FASET leaders are one of the groups that get priority registration. FASET is also where most freshman register for the first time.

school in the first place."

Priority registration can cause a lot of grief for the rest of the student body. Popular humanities and elective courses sometimes fill up with priority registration students before anybody else's time ticket starts.

At an Institute where students often complain about finding classes too full even in their own major, priority registration often exacerbates the problem.

"Most people would probably agree that the academic effort they put in should give them priority in registering for their academic schedule," said Steve Heitner, a fifth-year Biology and Biochemistry major.

"The further you progress in the curriculum, the fewer classes are offered, and more potential for

a conflict...I can understand how somebody might get upset that a class they absolutely need to take is not available because somebody else that may not need to be taking it got priority registration," Heitner said.

Other students see it as less of a problem, pointing out that any student can get priority registration if they want it badly enough.

"If people really want priority registration, they can do something to get it, like being a tour guide or helping the office," said Brian Williams, a fourth-year Discrete Math major. "There aren't so many people out there with priority registration that it makes getting any specific class impossible. So I don't see anything wrong with it."

But the fault lies not so much with the Registrar's office as with the individual schools. Each school is responsible for determining its own class schedule and ensuring that there are enough sections available to feed the demand.

"The Registrar has absolutely no jurisdiction on how many seats are put out there, how many overloads, what time they're offered, who's teaching," associate registrar Candy Carson said. "We see it when you see it."

Most schools try to solve the problem for at least some courses by restricting by major, reserving seats or requiring a permit for registration.

"[Students need to] talk to these

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Tech Grad Student Climbs Mt. Kilimanjaro



Photo courtesy of David Lipton

Friends David Lipton and Jarkko Simonen climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. They displayed a Tech flag at the summit.

By Andrew Guyton
Contributing Writer

"I decided to climb the mountain to challenge myself rather than sit on a beach for two weeks. I wanted to see in person the only place in the world where you can find glaciers on the equator. I wanted a graduation trip I would always remember, and climbing to the Roof of Africa was definitely memorable," David Lipton said.

Lipton returned from that memorable graduation trip a month ago, and was willing to tell us about it.

He recently finished his bachelor's at UGA and will be pursuing a Masters in Public Administration at Tech in the spring; his companion Jarkko Simonen received a bachelor's degree from Auburn.

So why did a UGA grad and an Auburn grad have a Tech flag on top of Mt. Kilimanjaro?

"I was raised on Georgia Tech football and my dad and I have had football season tickets for 18 straight years. I was at the 1985 All-American Bowl when we beat Michigan State, I was there in 1990 when we beat Nebraska and too many other games to mention. I eat, sleep and breathe Tech football, but when it came time to choose my school, UGA

had my major and Tech didn't. But despite being an UGA alumnus I am a ramblin, gamblin' helluva engineer," Lipton said.

One of David's professors is from the area near Mt. Kilimanjaro and assisted in planning their expedition; then his teacher's brother [a grad student at UGA] was there to meet David and house him for a few days, while he found a tour guide with a guy who lived in the next village over.

The only problems associated with climbing the mountain were lack of sleep due to high winds pounding the tent all night, very cold hands and feet, no shower for seven days, the fatigue of hiking up hill with forty pounds on your back for eight hours, and the thin air when you get above 12,000 feet. The summit is 19,400 feet," Lipton said.

Of course, the entire trip wasn't

"Well, it was a constant struggle to keep from sliding over 2,000 feet to base camp."

David Lipton
Entering Grad Student

drudgery.

"When the snow ended the ground was all loose rock and dirt. When you took a step you would slide for two to three feet every time. We figured when we reached Uhuru Peak, the summit, it was all down hill from there."

"Well, it was a constant struggle to keep from sliding over 2,000 feet to base camp. After a few hours of slipping and sliding we decided to try and ski the loose rocks in our boots rather than continue to struggle to get footing."

"It worked for a minute but I slipped and started to fall down the mountain and was saved by our guide who caught me before I ended up in little pieces," Lipton

said. The journey didn't end there. They also went on a wildlife safari to Arusha National Park, and stayed at what Lipton calls "the island paradise" of Zanzibar.

"We got a cottage on the [Zanzi-

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people and the department and say, 'Look, this is what's happening. Can you reserve some seats for us or restrict it by major or whatever and help us?'" Carson said.

"In some cases, the department may not even be aware that that's even a problem.... [The students] need to make their concerns aware to the people that can really help," she said.

So what can students do if they discover a class is full? They should request an overload for the course. Carson pointed out that they can also keep an eye on OSCAR during Phase II registration to see if any seats open up.

"People hold seats, and they register more hours than they intend to take," she said. "So a lot of the time,

"People hold seats....students are doing this to each other, and then at phase II they'll decide what...to take..."

Candy Carson
Associate Registrar

students are doing this to each other, and then at phase II they'll decide what they want to take, and a lot of seats open up naturally that way."

Tech Up Close

THIS WEEK'S PHOTO:**CAN YOU FIGURE OUT WHERE ON CAMPUS THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN?**

Email focus@technique.gatech.edu if you think you know the answer.

Answer to previous Tech Up Close:
Fire Hydrant (near Ford building)

Correct submission for last issue:
Megan Murphy



By Robert Combler / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Nevertheless, the priority registration system is likely to remain unchanged for the time being.

"I'm fresh off the boat, and that is not on my radar screen right now," said registrar Rita Pikowsky. "I have a lot of other things I need to learn, so I would say that no, it's not on our plate right now...and I don't really expect that it will be for awhile."

But Pikowsky encourages students to voice their opinions to her at comments@registrar.gatech.edu and to visit the Registrar's home page at www.registrar.gatech.edu.

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bar] beach for \$25 U.S. a night. The last night we were there my buddy picked up a British girl and left with her to go to a club on the other side of the island.

"I went to a bar on the beach with some locals we met. Around 4 a.m. I finally realized my buddy was nowhere to be found and the taxi would pick us up in one hour to head to the airport.

"Somehow, my buddy also

remembered he had to leave so as I was getting in the cab, he showed up. We got to the Zanzibar Airport at 6:30 a.m. for our 8 a.m. flight.

"The flight was really at 10 a.m. but we were in no condition to remember such details. So we slept on a bench at the airport until it left for Dar Salaam then onto Kilimanjaro.

"Once in Kilimanjaro we took a cab one hour back to the town of Moshi to pick up our luggage...On the flight home we were trying to piece together the night before and

trying to recall what had all transpired," Lipton said.

So if you really set out to celebrate graduation, remember that it is possible to include sliding down a rocky cliff, picking up British girls in Zanzabar, partying on an island paradise, and an African safari all in one whirlwind trip. Oh yeah, and seeing the highest point in Africa and displaying a Tech flag on it.

At least Lipton managed to do so, which is why we'll welcome this new Tech student and loyal sports fan to our ranks come spring.

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ME FIRST! ME FIRST!

Priority registration allows some students to register earlier than the rest. Is this fair to everyone else? **Page 7**

MAKING A SPLASH

Two-time All-American swimmer Sam Morgan looks forward to the new season and has high hopes. **Page 15**

99X's summer series delivers free Cake

Downtown Rocks welcomes alternative bands to Underground

By Charbak Mitra
Contributing Writer

In their free Downtown Rocks series, 99X brought Cake to Underground Atlanta at no cost to its Freeloader members. For those of you looking into being Freeloaders, the application is readily available

on the 99X website, and for those of you too lazy even for that, don't worry: they don't check. The crowd was jam-packed as openers including Stereophonics performed set lists for the audience.

The Downtown Rocks series is located conveniently near the Five Points station on MARTA, from

which you can follow your ears to find the show and vendors nearby. As most of you are aware, Saturday night was plagued with rain to finish off a week of rainy event nights including the Fourth of July and Flicks on Fifth.

However, with the heat and sweat of a summer crowd, the rain was refreshing and even better than no rain at all.

During their set, Cake played a host of their favorite songs, including "Sheep go to Heaven," "Stick-shifts and Safety Belts" and "The Distance."

What was unexpected was their cover of "Guitar Man," which John McCrea mentioned to be a well-written song about years of touring, adding it was written in the '70s before the audience was even born.

No complaints here about wild card songs, but the Sacramento quartet threw a stone in the gears with their set. Popular songs like "Short Skirt/Long Jacket," "Rock 'n' Roll Lifestyle" and "Never There" weren't included, and the one-song encore was somewhat predictable: a cover of Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive."

True to their pragmatic perambulations, McCrea snidely made remarks on topics discussed in their anti-hipster mythos of lyrics ranging from public transportation to

social mores. The scenic locale and well judged lighting on the stage made for an ambient clarity not held by many concerts. Good job on 99X's part.

However, don't plan on attending future Downtown Rocks events unless you can hold your own in a crowd. The pervasive domineering of crowd dynamics can overshadow the placid environs engineered by 99X.

The all-ages crowd was subject to crowd surfers flailing their legs around so a good deal of people had to keep their guard up for the dearth of crowd control.

Although bouncers were present at the event, most of their work involved collecting the crowd surfers who made their way to the front. The reach of the police was limited to shining

lights on miscreants.

Eventually, concertgoers took to climbing traffic posts and taking crowd dives. There's nothing wrong with that, except for the fact that it was a Cake concert and a good fraction of the crowd was getting really pissed off.

At my position in the front I could see a pot-bellied, mustached policeman singing along, ignoring the need to go into the crowd to stop the jumpers and snapping souvenir shots with his camera.

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By Wei Liao / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Stereophonics was among the bands that played Downtown Rocks at Underground. Cake headlined last weekend's concert event.

Crashers delivers well-balanced comedy

By Vedran Oruc
Contributing Writer

From David Dobkin, director of *Shanghai Knights* and *Clay Pigeons*, comes a heart-warming tale of two guys out to get laid. *Wedding Crashers* follows childhood friends John Beckwith (Owen Wilson) and

Following the greatest wedding season of their lives, the team makes the boldest crash of their career by arriving at the wedding of the daughter of powerhouse politician Treasury Secretary William Cleary

(Christopher Walken) and set sights on his two available daughters.

While Jeremy sticks to the typical get-in-get-out routine with daughter Gloria Cleary (Isla Fisher), John breaks the fundamental rule

of wedding crashing by accepting an invitation for the weekend to the Cleary summer house in hopes of going into overtime and stealing

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"Following the greatest wedding season of their lives, the team makes the boldest crash of their career..."

Jeremy Grey (Vince Vaughn) as they masterfully sneak into weddings and sneak out with the pick of the litter.

Irish, Italian, Jewish or Hindu makes no difference; the duo can succeed in any atmosphere with the help of the coveted rules of wedding crashing, clever back stories and, of course, enough ingenuity to instantly become the life of the party.



Photo courtesy New Line Cinema

Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn star in the summer comedy *Wedding Crashers*. The film chronicles the exploits of two friends who are experts at crashing weddings and seducing female guests.

Rednecks unite under Foxworthy

Jeff Foxworthy, the most famous redneck in the world, will be performing at the Arena at Gwinnett Center tonight at 8 p.m. Foxworthy has most recently been a co-headliner on the Blue Collar Comedy Tour and co-stars on Blue Collar TV on Comedy Central. Tickets for Friday's show are \$39.75 for all levels.

Michael Jackson not involved

The Fabulous Fox Theatre is running performances of *Peter Pan* through Sunday with show times at 8 p.m. tonight, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. tomorrow night, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday night. The performance stars Cathy Rigby as Peter Pan and tickets range from \$20 to \$59. To get there, take the first star to the right and go straight on 'til morning.

Great rock combo to play Roxy

Rockers Vertical Horizon and the Pat McGee band will be playing a show next Friday, July 22 at the Roxy. The show is general admission and tickets are \$20. The music starts at 8 p.m.

Nail and tanning salon opens

For those of you who ignore the megamod messages, it may be news that Tech Square is now home to Nail Talk & Tan. As the name may suggest, the salon offers manicure and pedicure services as well as tanning sessions. The salon also offers limited cosmetic waxing services. Tech students can take advantage of a 15% discount on all salon services for the next two months. Provided that Nail Talk & Tan doesn't succumb to the curse of the Tech Square businesses, we might start seeing fewer pasty students come winter.

The Boss comes to Atlanta

Next Saturday, July 23, the Boss, Bruce Springsteen will be performing at Philips Arena. Tickets are pricey (\$75-\$85) but well in line with ticket prices for other rock legends. While it might blow your party budget for the next month or so, seeing Mr. Springsteen in concert could very well be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Vision nightclub reopens tomorrow

Atlanta nightclub, Vision, celebrates its grand re-opening tomorrow night at 9 p.m. Cover is \$10 before midnight and \$15 after, or \$20 all night for VIP access.

Excitement surrounds release of sixth Potter book

Heavy security, accidental sales and media saturation mark the new volume

By Hillary Lipko
Entertainment Editor

Bookstores all over Atlanta will be staying open late tonight in celebration of the midnight release of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. Most Borders, Barnes & Noble and Chapter 11 bookstores in the Atlanta area will be open past midnight, with the exception of the Barnes & Noble in Tech Square, which will close at its usual time. If you've reserved your copy there, you're out of luck until 8 a.m. tomorrow when the bookstore opens.

The website www.potterparties.com has a listing of release party locations all around the world. Eighty-five parties are currently listed for the state of Georgia, 14 of which are in Atlanta. Several others are being held in suburbs of Atlanta.

Half-Blood Prince is the sixth book in the Harry Potter series by British author J.K. Rowling.

Security surrounding the delivery of the book to stores and distributors is unprecedented for any book release, employing GPS tracking on armored delivery trucks to make sure the drivers don't stop.

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Boxes containing the books are printed with the words, "do not open until midnight, July 16, 2005,"

and warnings to bookstores by U.S. publisher Scholastic that if the books are made available before the release date that the store will no longer be allowed to carry any books published by Scholastic.

Despite all of the measures taken, a bookstore in Canada accidentally sold 15 copies of *Half-Blood Prince* earlier this week. The Canadian publisher of the books, Raincoast, was able to successfully file injunctions against the purchasers to keep the contents of the book a secret until the release, and has also offered incentives for the purchasers to return their books, including an autographed bookplate and a gift bag of Harry Potter merchandise.

A drugstore in Kingston, N.Y. also mistakenly put its shipment of the sixth Potter book on the shelves, where a copy was purchased by a nine-year-old boy. The copies were removed approximately an hour later and the purchased book was returned

once the boy and his mother learned of the mistake.

The high-profile release of the sixth Harry Potter book has also been the center of a media frenzy, including an appearance by Jim

be reading an excerpt from *Half-Blood Prince*, but instead, he read a brief passage from the fifth book, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*.

Many fans at the Harry Potter fan site www.cosforums.com were incensed by what they viewed as a deliberate attempt to cash in on the release of *Half-Blood Prince* with a "bait and switch" trick in order to boost ratings.

The books in the Harry Potter series have topped both adult and children's bestseller lists all over the world and *Half-Blood Prince* has been one of Amazon's top sellers almost since it became available for presale.

The English-language edition will be released worldwide as midnight rolls around in each country. *Half-Blood Prince* is also the first book in history to have a Braille edition released simultaneously with the print edition.

"A drugstore in New York...mistakenly put its shipment of the sixth Potter book on the shelves where a copy was purchased by a nine-year-old boy."

Dale, the voice of the Harry Potter audio books in the U.S., on the *Today Show* on Tuesday.

NBC alluded that Dale would

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away Claire Cleary from her arrogant boyfriend Sack (Bradley Cooper).

This leads to the heart of the movie which focuses in on a unique blend of situational humor based on the dysfunctional happenings at the Cleary household and bizarre relationships that are formed. As the latest release featuring Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn, this star-studded movie clearly had the makings of either a summer hit or a notorious disaster.

Though the latter seems to lurk around the corner as the movie opens to a scene of quick-talking, cliché shock humor, it quickly evolves into a well-developed social satire,

balanced with a plethora of witty one-liners.

Improbable as it seems, this group of actors seem to have the formula down for making consistently good comedies and *Wedding Crashers* is no exception. The movie offers a variety of humor for a diverse audience, and though it is sometimes frustrating to be in a theater sitting with people laughing at parts of a movie that you personally may not find amusing, this will more than likely go away not long after the first ten minutes of the movie.

If you enjoyed movies such as *Star-sky and Hutch*, *Dodgeball* and *Meet the Parents*, then *Wedding Crashers* should not be a disappointment in the least and will more than likely leave you quoting the movie for days.

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Way to keep it up, Atlanta's finest. Not that I can blame him, he was paid to have a front and center position at a Cake show. So if you plan on attending these shows, choose your place in the crowd carefully or go in a group.

Tickets to future events are free to the unmitigated whole of music lovers who find their way there. However, the event is held for the 99X Freeloaders. In order to sign up and join, visit www.99X.com and fill out a quick survey for free membership. Future acts for the event include Weezer, Chevelle and Garbage. Check the website for event dates and directions.



By Wei Liao / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Hipster band Cake headlined 99X's Downtown Rocks concert last Saturday. Future headliners include Weezer, Chevelle and Garbage.

Morgan swims ACC's fastest mile



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Rising Senior Sam Morgan huddles with teammates after a swim meet. Morgan is a two-time All-American in the mile.

By Amanda Dugan
Sports Editor

In his first year at Tech, Sam Morgan was the first freshman to compete at the NCAA Championships in swimming. The rising senior and two-time All-American in the mile continued to blaze a path when he broke the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center pool record in the 1650 freestyle at the ACC Championship this past season.

Morgan is very proud of holding the top time in the ACC for the mile.

"Winning the mile at ACC was my biggest highlight this year. I

didn't expect it. I knew I was going to do well. I did better than I thought I would and everyone else did worse than I thought they would," Morgan said.

Morgan acknowledges that many people contribute to his continued success, in particular former graduate assistant coach Shilo Ayalon.

"Shilo Ayalon was a big influence. He was a senior when I came in and stayed to continue swimming. He was an awesome swimming partner. He was a constant force showing me how to be consistent and not to complain," Morgan said.

Morgan recognizes the contri-

bution of his team and coach to his performance.

"The rest of my team is certainly an influence. If I was just doing it for me I probably wouldn't swim as fast," Morgan said, "My coach has been a great motivator, also."

Morgan's strong performance for Tech came after being Georgia state champion in the 200 and 500 free as a sophomore at Gainesville High School and a twelve-year Georgia swimming all-star.

"In high school I never really had any expectations. I knew I was a good swimmer and that I wanted to come to Tech. The thought of not doing it never came into my mind, but I never thought about what it would be like," Morgan said.

Morgan looks forward to the upcoming season. Stuart Wilson, an assistant coach for the last three years, will be taking over as head coach for men's and women's swimming and diving.

"I know Stuart plans on doing some things differently. I think next year the team will be much more positive as a whole. There will be more camaraderie," Morgan said.

Morgan predicts a strong season led by seven returning seniors and a hard-working group of sophomores.

"I expect we'll see fast swims from the sophomore team. They've worked hard and I think that will show," Morgan said, "The senior class is big, so I expect fast swims there, too."



By Ayan Kishore / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Playground Rules: Tech's summer intramural kickball league wrapped up yesterday. Team KCL was ranked first in the league with a 12-point rating score advantage over team CHBE.

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CRASH THIS!

Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn play bachelors who seduce vulnerable wedding guests in *The Wedding Crashers*. Page 9

GETTING HIGH ENOUGH?

An incoming Tech graduate student plants a Tech flag at the highest point in Africa after climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro. Page 7



sports shorts

Tech stands tall in Director's Cup

Tech sports matched their previous-best showing in the Director's Cup, placing No. 31 in the nation.

The Director's Cup awards points to schools in 10 men's sports and 10 women's sports. Tech sponsors 17 total sports, but only 15 that are involved in the Director's Cup.

Tech athletics saw 14 of its 17 teams make postseason play in the previous year.

Tech is the only school in the NCAA that achieved a win in a football bowl game, a men's basketball tournament game and a men's baseball tournament game.

Stanford won the Director's Cup for the 11th consecutive year.

Hoops recruits go to Global Games

Incoming freshmen Alade Aminu, D'Andre Bell and Lewis Clinch have all been selected to the U.S. team that will play in the sixth annual Global Games in Frisco, Texas.

The event begins on July 24 and continues through the medal round on July 30.

Chris Bosh and Jarrett Jack previously participated in the event that will showcase the Tech signees.

This year's field includes junior national teams from the USA, Lithuania, Nigeria, Slovenia and Ukraine. Team Africa and the Texas/U.S. Select team will also participate in the competition.

Baseball sends pair to play for USA

Tech baseball is once again sending players to the USA Baseball National Team.

Third baseman Wes Hodges and utility player Matt Wieters have been named to the roster for this year's team.

Tech has sent 17 players to the national team since 1984—the second-greatest number of selections for any program in the country behind Stanford, which has produced 24 players for the team.

Stanford had placed a member on the team each year since 1986 until this summer, which will be their first in 18 years without a representative.

Watch lists include Tech football trio

Running back P.J. Daniels has been named to the 2005 watch list for the Maxwell Award for Collegiate Player of the Year.

Defensive end Eric Henderson and linebacker Gerris Wilkinson have been named to the watch list for the Chuck Bednarik Award for the Defensive Player of the Year in college football.

Athletes get ahead with summer classes



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Linebacker Eric Henderson has taken summer classes every semester while at Tech to stay on track for his graduation this fall.

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Student athletes face both the demands of a grueling training schedule and season as well as a full load of classes during the fall and spring semesters.

Many athletes choose to take summer courses to either keep them on track for graduation or to alleviate stress during the season. There are approximately seventy student

athletes currently enrolled in summer classes.

"The importance of summer classes to student athletes and all students is the focus they can give to a difficult course," said associate director of Athletics for Academic Services Phyllis LaBaw.

"It gives you a chance to get long classes out of the way if you take short term. You can also get professors that may not offer classes in fall and spring," said fifth-year

Management major and defensive end Eric Henderson.

Henderson has taken summer classes every year while at Tech and is currently taking 10 hours of summer courses. He is scheduled to graduate this fall.

"Summer classes are very important when you want to graduate, especially if you want to graduate before your eligibility is up," Henderson said.

Summer classes also can be convenient for student athletes who will already be on campus training and working out.

"I'd still have a semester and a half left if I hadn't taken classes. Since you are working out at the same time, you might as well take classes," Henderson said.

"It is a great time to get ahead, but also to stay on track as far as working out," LeBaw said.

Summer classes also provide athletes additional chances to gain hours to retain eligibility.

"It is a true opportunity to maintain eligibility requirements and with the changing standards that becomes very important at a school like Tech," LeBaw said. "Athletes can focus without contending with the time management of practices."

Despite the obvious advantages,

some student athletes choose to take the summers off.

"I've not taken any summer classes," said fourth-year management major and swimming team member Sam Morgan.

Athletes may find it difficult to pursue other interests or graduate in four years if they opt out of summer classes.

"I've taken twelve hours a semester. If you are on a five year plan or don't mind not having

any free time then summer classes aren't that important," Morgan said.

Even without taking courses Morgan recognizes the advantage that summer classes provide.

"I might take classes when my eligibility is up because I won't finish in four years," Morgan said, "It is a good option if you don't want to be too busy during the school year."

Both Morgan and Henderson recognize the constant balance required between their sports and academics in any semester.

"There is a fine line between swimming and classes," Morgan said.

"It can be stressful at times. Just being a student athlete

itself is stressful," Henderson said, "In the fall you are involved in the season, so summer classes can be a stress reliever."

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Four basketball alumni sign free-agent contracts

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Four seniors from the 2004 national runner up team are hoping summer leagues help them move onto NBA rosters for the upcoming season.

Guard Will Bynum signed a free agent contract with the Boston Celtics, center Luke Schenscher signed with the Denver Nuggets and Isma'il Muhammad signed with the Dallas Mavericks.

All three were supposed to be playing in the NBA's Reebok Vegas Summer League (RVSL), which started this week in Las Vegas. Exposure in the league will hopefully propel them onto an NBA roster for the regular season.

The RVSL features sixteen teams and includes forty-three games in its ten day schedule. The teams are composed of top draft picks, current NBA players and free agent roster

players.

The Nuggets have split their four games so far this season. Schenscher has played an average of 15 minutes per game. He is averaging three rebounds and 4.5 points per game.

The Celtics have won three of their four games. Bynum has logged 19 minutes per game. He is averaging 2.3 assists and 3.5 points per game.

Muhammad has yet to play with the Mavericks in their first four games.

B.J. Elder was invited to compete in the Rocky Mountain Revue in Salt Lake City. Elder will be playing on the summer league team for the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs.

Jarrett Jack is already working toward a professional career with the Portland Trail Blazers.

Jack was drafted in the first round by the Denver Nuggets who then traded him to the Blazers.



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Former Tech center Luke Schenscher is playing as a free agent in the NBA's Reebok Vegas Summer League with the Denver Nuggets.